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10 December 2014

ATTENTION: Ms Deana Burn

Dear Ms Burn,

**State Significant Development:- Request For Agency Comment – Urunga
Antimony Remediation Project (SSD 5357) Hillside Drive Urunga**

I refer to your letter dated 10 November 2014 seeking Rural Fire Service (RFS) comments and draft conditions regarding bush fire protection for the above State Significant Development in accordance with requirements of the *'Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979'*.

While the proposed works will not generate any concern with respect to bush fire on the site, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) does not identify that the land is bush fire prone and provide any comment on the impact of fire/heat on the identified soil and water contaminates and any fire fighting operations and potential health associated issues for fire fighters. The EIS does not provide comment on the potential mobilisation of contaminants from a wildfire event and measures to mitigate the impacts on public health.

With this concern, the RFS has no objection to the proposed remediation works, as outlined in the EIS, providing the following condition is included in any consent granted:

1. Prior to commencing remediation works, the landowner/proponent shall develop a Bush Fire Management Plan (BFMP) for the site. The plan shall be prepared in consultation with the RFS Coffs Harbour Fire Control Centre and include, but not limited to, the following elements:
 - a. 24 hour contact details of the land manager;
 - b. A fire fighting management plan including any fire fighting access and exclusion zones;
 - c. Potential for mobilization of contaminants from the soil, water and air;
 - i. Use of free standing water for firefighting activity;

- ii. Soil, dust, etc on fire fighting vehicles
- iii. Air borne contaminants in smoke plumes
- d. Decontamination and health monitoring for fire fighters involved in on and off site fire fighting activities.
- e.

A copy of the final BFMP shall be submitted to the Bush Fire Management Committee prior to remediation works commencing.

For any queries regarding this correspondence please contact Alan Bawden on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours faithfully,



John Ball
Manager – Customer Service Centre Coffs Harbour

The RFS has made getting additional information easier. For general information on *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006*, visit the RFS web page at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and search under *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006*.